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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Joint Meeting of the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee and the Blood Products Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming joint meeting of two public advisory committees of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At least one portion of the joint meeting will be closed to the public.

Name of Committees: Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee and the Blood Products Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committees: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on January 16, 2002, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and on January 17, 2002, from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn, Versailles Ballrooms I and II, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD.

Contact: William Freas or Sheila D. Langford, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-71), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-1448, 301-827-0314, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12392. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: On January 17, 2002, the committees will listen to updates on the "Revised FDA Guidance on Preventive Measures to Reduce the Possible Risk of Transmission of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) and Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) by Blood and Blood Products" document, and other related topics. For the purpose of further evaluating the adequacy of our present blood deferral recommendations, the committee will then discuss the effectiveness of measures taken to protect humans from foodborne exposure to the bovine spongiform

encephalopathy (BSE) agent in countries with BSE.

Procedure: On January 17, 2002, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by January 11, 2002. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 1:20 p.m. and 2:20 p.m. on January 17, 2002. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before January 11, 2002, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Closed Committee Deliberations: On January 16, 2002, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the meeting will be closed to permit discussion and review of trade secret and/or confidential information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)). This portion of the meeting will be closed to permit discussion of this material.

FDA regrets that it was unable to publish this notice 15 days prior to the January 16 and 17, 2002, Joint Meeting of the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee and the Blood Products Advisory Committee meeting. Because the agency believes there is some urgency to bring these issues to public discussion and qualified members of the Joint Meeting of the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee and the Blood Products Advisory Committee were available at this time, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs concluded that it was in the public interest to hold this meeting even if there was not sufficient time for the customary 15-day public notice.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned by agencies of the U.S. Government and are available for licensing in the U.S. in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally-funded research and development. Foreign patent applications are filed on selected inventions to extend market coverage for companies and may also be available for licensing.

ADDRESSES: Licensing information and copies of the U.S. patent applications listed below may be obtained by writing to the indicated licensing contact at the Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852-3804; telephone: 301/496-7057; fax: 301/402-0220. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent applications.

XAGE-1, A Gene Expressed in Multiple Cancers and Uses Thereof

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DHHS Ref. No. E-161-00/0 (Provisional Application) filed September 1, 2000 and E-161-00/1 (PCT Application) filed August 31, 2001

Licensing Contact: Richard Rodriguez; 301/496-7056 ext. 287; e-mail: rodrigur@od.nih.gov.

The XAGE-1 gene is a human X-linked gene that is strongly expressed in breast cancer, lung cancer and several other cancers as well as normal testes. The largest open reading frame of the XAGE-1 transcript encodes a putative protein of 16.3 kD (p16) with a potential transmembrane domain at the amino terminus. In addition, the XAGE-1 transcript contains a second ATG in the reading frame corresponding to residue 66, which would encode a 9 kD protein (p9). *In vitro* transfection experiments using 293 T cells have revealed a 9 kD protein. However, the size of the endogenously expressed protein is not yet known. XAGE-1 shares homology with GAGE/PAGE proteins in the C-terminal end.

The invention relates to the fact that the XAGE-1 gene is expressed in a number of human cancers, specifically: breast, lung, prostate, pancreatic, and ovarian cancers. The proteins p9 and p16, immunogenic fragments thereof, analogs of these proteins, and nucleic acids encoding these proteins, fragments, or analogs, can be administered to persons with XAGE-1 expressing cancers to raise or augment an immune response to the cancer. The invention further provides nucleic acid sequences encoding the protein, as well as expression vectors, host cells, and antibodies to the proteins. Further, the invention provides immunoconjugates that comprise an antibody to p16 or to p9, and an effector molecule, such as a label, a radioisotope, or a toxin. The invention also provides methods of inhibiting the growth of XAGE-1 expressing cells by contacting them with immunoconjugates of an anti-p9 or p16 antibody and a toxic moiety. The invention also provides kits for the detection of p9 or p16 proteins in a sample. The XAGE-1 gene and encoded protein could be of value in the development of a cancer diagnostic and/or a cancer immunotherapy.

The above mentioned invention is available for licensing on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis.

Histone Deacetylase Inhibitors in Diagnosis and Treatment of Thyroid Neoplasms

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The invention disclosed are novel approaches to thyroid cancer therapy. These approaches include methods to enhance thyroid specific gene expression, for example methods to enhance expression of thyroglobulin and/or the Na/I symporter in thyroid cancer cells. Enhanced expression of thyroid-specific genes promotes cellular differentiation and reduces biologically aggressive behavior such as invasion and metastasis. In addition, enhanced expression of thyroglobulin and/or the Na/I symporter increases the ability of thyroid cancer cells to concentrate iodine, thereby making the cells more susceptible to radioactive iodine therapy. Also disclosed are methods for detecting thyroid neoplasms in a subject, by administering a therapeutically effective amount of a histone deacetylase inhibitor, administering a detectable agent whose uptake or concentration in thyroid cells is increased by administration of the

histone deacetylase inhibitor, and detecting the detectable agent.

Dated: December 20, 2001.

Jack Spiegel,

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Development and Transfer, Office of
Technology Transfer, National Institutes of
Health.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; Small Animal Imaging Resources Program.

Date: January 16, 2002.

Time: 10:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 6116 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Kenneth L. Bielat, PhD
Scientific Review Administrator, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6116 Executive Boulevard, Room 8043, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-946-7576.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Center for Research Resources; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Center for Research Resources Special Emphasis Panel, Science Education Partnership Award.

Date: February 7-8, 2002.

Time: February 7, 2002, 8 AM to Adjournment.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Sybil A. Wellstood, PhD,
Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Review, National Center for Research Resources, National Institutes of Health, One Rockledge Centre, Room 6018, 6705 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7965, Bethesda, MD 20892-7965, (301) 435-0814, wellstood@ncrr.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine, 93.306; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.333; 93.371, Biomedical Technology; 93.389, Research Infrastructure, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Center for Research Resources; Notice of Meetings

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